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# Massachusetts Basic Hunter Education



# Basic Hunter Education Course

# Instructors

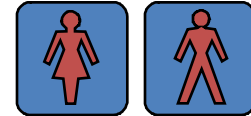
- Name
- Hunting/Shooting Interest

# Housekeeping

**Parking**



**Rest Rooms**



**Breaks**



**Firearms**



**Phones**



# Agenda

## The Dates and Times for this course are:

- Class #1 is -
  - Topics: Intro to Hunter Ed; Ethics, Laws
- Home Assignment – allot 6-8 hrs. to complete
- Class #2 (aka Field Day) is -
  - Arrive ½ hour early to submit homework
  - Topics: Hunting Opportunities; Fundamentals of Shooting; Firearm Handling; Field Safety
  - Final Exam

# Independent Study Format

## A Different Learning Model



# How Does it Work?

- Register and attend first session
- Complete home assignment to earn credit towards your certificate
  - Northeast Student Manual & Workbook
  - Online Study Guide
- Attend the field day and pass the exam

# How to Complete the Homework?

- Option 1 – Manual & Workbook

Read each chapter of the student **manual** and complete the corresponding chapter in the **workbook**, answering all questions.

- Option 2 – Hunter Safety Study Guide

Take free online course comprised of 16 sections each with a quiz.



# Online Homework - Huntercourse.com

**You will need an email address, an internet connection and access to a printer.**

1. Visit <https://www.huntercourse.com/usa/massachusetts/>  
Create an account using your legal name and an email address.
2. Complete each of the sixteen (16) section and end of section quizzes. You must **receive a score of 80% or better** in order to proceed to the next section.
3. **Print the Congratulations page:** Once all 16 quizzes are successfully completed, the course will end on a **“Congratulations” page**. Print this page and bring it to the field day

# Successful Course Completion

- **All graduates receive a certificate of completion**
  - Need 80% or better on final exam
  - Express mature and responsible attitude
    - Give honest effort in class
    - Demonstrate safe gun handling
- **Certificate of completion used**
  - to purchase MA hunting or sporting license
  - to make application for MA Firearms License
- **Certificate also accepted across North America**

# Questions?

# Chapter 1

## Introduction to Hunter Education

# Objectives

**At the end of this lesson, you will be able to:**

- identify the purpose and importance of hunter education;
- identify hunters and recreational hunting as key to wildlife conservation;
- describe the central principles of the N. A. Model of Wildlife Conservation;
- and describe how license fees and excise taxes support wildlife conservation.

# Course Importance

**Hunter Education is important because it:**

- Decreases hunting-related shooting incidents and other hunting injuries.
- Promotes responsible hunter behavior to ensure the future of the tradition.

# Course Goal

The goal of hunter education is to produce hunters that are ....

*safe, responsible, knowledgeable, and involved.*

# Conservation Funding

- State/Provincial Wildlife Agencies
  - Sportsmen and Sportswomen pay for conservation
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



Federal Aid in Wildlife  
Restoration Act – 1937  
“Pittman-Robertson”



# Cycle of Success

## for Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs



# Conservation Funding cont...

- International Hunter Education Association
- Other Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs)
  - Some promote shooting sports
  - Some work for species/habitat conservation
- Local Sportsmen's and Civic Clubs
- Local Businesses

# N.A. Model of Wildlife Conservation

## The Seven Pillars:

- Wildlife as a Public Trust Resource
- Elimination of Markets for Game
- Allocation of Wildlife by Law
- Kill only for legitimate purposes
- Wildlife as an International Resource
- Science-based Wildlife Policy
- Democracy of Hunting

# Questions?